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Automation of FCI

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Government has launched a project for linking depots of Food Corporation of India (FCI) via online network and automate all its operations;
- (b) if so, the details, objectives and the present status thereof indicating the number of depots linked and automated so far;
- (c) whether the FCI/Government has held discussion with the State Governments in this regard and to bring their procurement and distribution system under this network;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (e) the time by which all the depots of FCI will be covered under the project; and
- (f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to make FCI depots online in a time bound manner?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): Yes, Madam. FCI is implementing the Depot Online Project to automate all the operations at Depot level.

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(b): The goal of the project is to transform the food supply chain management through innovative use of technology for ensuring transparency, reliability and efficiency of procurement, storage and distribution operations. The objectives of the project include:

â€¢ Standardization and automation of depot level processes.

â€¢ Efficiency improvement in management of food grains storage and distribution.

â€¢ Enablement of real time monitoring of operations, Timely data reporting.

â€¢ Data based Decision Support system.

â€¢ Effective planning and optimization of administrative work.

The project was launched in 31 Depots across 27 States on 17th March, 2016. It is being rolled out in all 554 Depots of FCI and 185 Depots of Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC).

(c) & (d): State Governments have also been requested to adopt the project and the software developed by FCI will be provided without any cost to them.

(e): The project is expected to be implemented in all the Depots of FCI across the country in this year and at the earliest possible.

(f): To ensure time bound implementation of the project regular monitoring is being done by the Government and FCI.
